Copy of a certified copy of the notes written by my grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Gilmore (Rose) Gore, a few weeks before her death, for her children. These notes are dated September 20, 1893, A.D. The original of these notes is in the possession my aunt, Mrs. Ella (Gore) Wortman.

Dedicated to my children.
A memoir of my ancestry, who are all North of Ireland extraction. My father, Robert Gilmore, came with his father's family from the north of Ireland to eastern Pennsylvania, when he was ten years old. The Gilmores and Gibsons intermarried and are still represented in Ireland. While they have been migrating to all parts of the United States, Some have changed the o to e and others have dropped the final e, yet upon inquiry They All originated in the north of Ireland.

There were of my father's family, six boys and two girls who came over with their parents, but two married daughters remained in the old country. These grew up and in the course of time all crossed the Alleghenies. One of the older men settled on Colo Colonel Hill, Pittsburg, married, and in the course of nature, died leaving two sons. One of them remained in Pittsburg and the other bought a farm near Meadville, Pennsylvania, fought in the war of 1812, holding the rank of Major. He was highly esteemed and left a large family to bear his name to posterity.

Three brothers and one sister (Aunt Charity Vincent) settled in Butler County. My father and one sister (Aunt Peggy Smith) in Mercer County. They all raised large families. My father, in company with four other men, came to Mercer County in the winter of 1798 and 1799, and they selected their land which the government gave them for settling on it, (440 to 445 acres) and one night in January, 1799, took what they called their "ground sweat" on their claims, then built their cabins and my Father built his shop, for he was a blacksmith. In May, 1804, he was married to Nancy Smith of Indiana County. Her Father came from the north of Ireland at 21 years old and served in the war of the Revolution. His wife was Molly Templeton, also born in Ireland, all originally of Scotch Presbyterian stock. My Mother had two sisters, Betsy was older and married Alex Black. Mattie was younger and married Alex White. My Father was forty-four and Mother was Twenty-two when they were married. Six weeks after they came to the little cabin, while raising the new house which he had prepared, he got his leg broken by a sliding timber, but I think they had no inconvenience for want of means for he was the only blacksmith in a circuit of twenty miles. Grandmother Gilmore came to help nurse her son, being then a very old lady, but a very pious woman. The year was 1804. In March, 1805, their first child was born, and when her baby was six weeks old, Mother took her on a pillow before her on a horse, and returned for her first visit to her mother, distant 40 miles, crossing the Allegheny River Kittanning (Katoning), where she stayed over night both ways with an uncle who lived there.

Their house was a very respectable one for the times. Father kept his forge but had a nice farm opened up in the timber with nice Timothy meadows, and a beautiful orchard containing a good variety of fruit. House, orchard, garden, field and meadows where I gathered the luscious strawberries are still beloved scenes to me. Altho the forge had long been silent at my first remembrance of it, I being the youngest child and my father dying when I was sixteen months old. My parents second child, Jane, was born Jan. 12, 1807. Keziah was born Feb. 6, 1809. Then Sally and Peggy. Robert, their first son, in 1815. John S. born Jan. 3, 1817. Eliza in 1819. Joseph born Jan. 15, 1822, and Mary Elizabeth born Feb. 6, 1827. Peggy's birthday was Feb. 6.

Polly died at the age of 16, having been a member of what since became a branch of the United Presbyterian Church, for two years, evidencing fully her faith in Christ. Jane was married at 17, to Abraham Williams, raised a family of six boys and four girls. Her husband died in 1847. She lived until August 20, A. D. 1898, only one month before this writing. She moved with her husband and family to Iowa and in advanced years came to her children in Nevada, and finally died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Selina Pettigrew, in Carson Valley.

Keziah was married to S. B. Van Dyke in Feb. 1834. In 1845 removed to Iowa and during the summer of 1852, she, her husband and son, John crossed the plains with an ox team, being five months on the trip, coming from Lee County, Iowa, to Jackson County, Oregon. Settled on what is known as the Van Dyke farm, where she lived 'til called by death, Nov. 5, 1876, having been a member of the visible body of Christ from her early youth.

Sally was married to David Cook in 1843 and died one year later leaving an infant daughter one week old. She with Father and three other of their children were buried in Center Cemetery, Pennsylvania. Peggy died of croup at six months old.

Robert Jr., left home and fet south, even to New Orleans. Was working on a steamer between Little Rock, Arkansas, and that place, when he was taken with dysentery, taken to a hospital at New Orleans and died in his twentieth year. (Note: Had it not been for the chance meeting of a man from down there, who had told Robert Jr., if he ever went to Penn., he would tell the Gilmores of his illness and death, none of his people would ever have known of the cause of his illness or place of his death. G.)

John S. became afflicted with epilepsy at seventeen years old, which continued until he was between forty-five and fifty. He married and had three daughters, but only one, Mrs. Mary Kinney, is living at h this time. He came to Iowa in the spring of 1846, there Mother had preceded him with the Vincents, the fall previous. Mother and John kept house until her death wich occurred in August 1851, her disease was Typhoid Dysentery. The next April, 1852, we, the Van Dykes and us, started to cross the plains to California, but in the end

turned into Oregon, landing in Rogue River Valley September 27, 1852. John S. Remained in Iowa until his death which occurred in 1876, being run over by a train while driving across a railroad, his young mules refusing to move his wagon off the track. He was a noble brother and for a long time an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Eliza died at six years old. Said to be a very sweet child and beautiful. My father named me for Polly and Eliza, calling me Mary Elizabeth.

Brother Joseph remained in Pennsylvania until his death. He was married to Mary Ann Rose in April 1845. They had five children. Two died. Afterward they started for Iowa, but in Ohio all were, excepting the older boy, taken down with typhoid fever. His wife and two children died and he barely escaped with his life. After weeks of delirium, and among strangers, whom he crept back to life all was gone - wife - children - money. He returned to Pennsylvania with his one little boy, left him with our cousin, Ellen Black, and went into the then opening oil mines, remaining there with varying success until the War of the Rebellion broke out, when he entered the Union Army and served throughout the war, occupying positions of trust and rising to the rank of major. During the war he married again, by which marriage he had two sons, the older, Geary, is now in Sacramento, California. The younger, Joseph, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, with his mother, Adelia Adeline Stockpole Gilmore. Robert, his oldest son, lives in Kansas City, Arkansas, or Arkansas City, Kansas. He also served in the Union Army during the Rebellion.

Mary Elizabeth Gilmore, the youngest by five years, lived and grew up amid the scenes of my rural childhood home. Shall I once attempt to describe the joys of such a childhood and youth? My chief enjoyment, books;- my recreation, wandering in the woods with or without my mother. In the spring tapping the sugar trees, gathering the sweet sap, digging the young sassafras or gathering the tender wintergreen. The summer with its variety of fruits and flowers cannot be told of; but Autumn with its ripening fruits and nuts, walnuts, hickory nuts, hazel nuts, but above all the chestnuts, the beautiful brown chestnuts - how I would like to fly to the forest now and gather them from under the sear and fallen leaves.

At the age of seventeen and eight months, I was married to Lewis A. Rose, who only lived two years. When he died, he left me with a little son four months old who grew to be the present L. A. Rose of Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon. My husband was eminently a Christian man and from him I derived many of the lessons of life that have helped me all along in performing the duties of life. During his life we moved to Iowa, and he died in Charleston , Lee County, Iowa, and was buried east of Charleston on the point of rolling ground where the prairie breaks into the timber two miles from town, where several of his family and friends are buried.

I was married to L. A. Rose, October 2, 1844. United with the Church in the fall of 1845, just before starting for Iowa. Lived in Iowa from that time until the spring of 1852. My husband died on the 20th of September, 1846. Was married to E. E. Gore on Sept. 20th, 1849, just three years afterwards. Crossed the plains with him during the summer of 1852. Starting from Charleston on the 27th of April, and Land here on the 27th of September. In 1857 --- "

(As Grandmother wrote the preceding little history during the last few weeks of her life, her strength permitted her to write only a few words at a time, this with pencil. It has been difficult to transcribe it, this thirty- three years later. We are only glad that she was able to leave this much. This was written in the presence of her daughters, Ida Gore Jacks and Ella Gore Wortman, and given to her daughter Ella, for her sons and daughters to refer to, if necessary. G. W. Mc.)

CHILDREN OF MARY ELIZABETH GORE

Lewis Albert Rose - - - - - - - - - - -	June 12, 1846
Annetta Jane (Gore) Grey - - - - - - - -	Dec. 6, 1850
Walter Scott Gore - - - - - - - - - - -	Dec. 5, 1852
Melvina (Gore) Clayton - - - - - - - - -	March 5, 1855
Ida (Gore) Jacks - - - - - - - - - - -	April 5, 1857
William Haven Gore - - - - - - - - - -	April 23, 1860
John Gilmore Gore - - - - - - - - - - -	October, 30, 1861
Mary Elizabeth Gore - - - - - - - - - -	October 30, 1863
Ella Gore Wortman - - - - - - - - - - -	Dec. 11, 1866
Edward Emerson Gore - - - - - - - - - -	June 5, 1869

Mary Elizabeth (Gilmore) Gore passed away at her home near Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon, October 17, 1893. Was laid to rest in the little cemetery back of the little Church (Presbyterian) she had helped to found, October 18, 1893. The paper said of her many wonderful things and closed with, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Almost her last words were in answer to her son John, "John, we are not given sight and faith at the same time."

(According to her son John, these words were spoken within the last few days of her life. Later as her son John supported her against himself with the entire family gathered around, she became very quiet, apparently relieved from her suffering. When she opened her eyes, she was surprised to see the family all present and asked, "What happened? Did anything happen?" As the family quietly withdrew without answering, John said, "Mother, did you have any extraordinary experience?" and she answered, "John, while we live we must live by faith." She knew to what he referred. This was <u>possibly</u> a week before her death.

John Gilmore Gore made the above correction to his daughters, Liberta Gore Lenox and Jeanette Gore on August 1st, 1939.)

Medford, Oregon
October 28, 1926

To Whom It May Concern:-

I hereby certify that the copy of the diary of Mary Elizabeth (Gilmore) Core, herewith affixed, is copied correctly, and that the statements contained are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed
Genevieve (Wortman) McCorkle

State of Oregon
County of Jackson:-
On this 28th day of October, A. D. 1926, before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State, personally appeared Genevieve (Wortman) McCorkle, to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same as of her free act and deed.

Signed
J. W. Wakefield
Notary Public for Oregon
(My commission expires Dec.6, 1927)

(Seal)

Department of Public Instruction,
Pennsylvania State Library and Museum
Harrisburg.

January 12, 1925

To Whom It May Concern:-

I hereby certify that one Robert Gilmore was a Private, August 28, 1776, in Captain Robert Mullan's Company of Mhrines, War of the Revolution.

See page 871, Volume 2, Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series.

(Signed) H. H. Schenk
Archivist

This is to certify that the above is a true copy of affidavit affixed with the State Seal of the State of Pennsylvania, dated January 12, 1925.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of October, 1926.

(Signed) J. W. Wakefield
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires Dec. 6, 1927.

(Seal)

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS:

Died. Mary Elizabeth Gore, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gore, about thirteen years of age, died at the family residence near Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon, on Saturday, April 20, 1878, after a lingering illness.

Born. Clayton. In Ashland, Nov. 15, 1887, to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Clayton, a son, Lawrence Edgar Clayton.

Born. Clayton. In Central Point, Oregon, January 19, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Clayton, a daughter, Vera.

Married. Wortman - Gore. At the residence of the officiating minister near Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, By the Rev. M. A. Williams, Mr. Harry C. Wortman and Miss Ella Gore, all of Medford precinct, April 15, 1890.

(The following letter was written by Mary Elizabeth Gore to her sister, Ella, who was attending the Ashland Academy.)

Phoenix, Oregon, Feb. 3, 1877

Miss Ella Goer,-
I now sit down to write you a few lines. I received your letter with gladness. Denis Crowley is here. He did not know me. We were surprised to see him. We are all home today. Ida has just come. She is well as usual. We have had two meetings here. Ella, I want to see you so bad. Aunt is well. I was up there last night. Tell Mother I am getting pretty bad with rhoumatism. When I lay down at night I can hardly get my breath. I am about five minutes that way. We are going to Lodge tonight. The fields are getting green. Two of our plants are getting ready to bloom. Netta wants to go up to see you. My comb is not broken yet. Wing is pretty well now. Father thinks you write pretty good but he says you put a capital letter when you write the letter I in place of a smallone. The folks are getting so noisy talking I can hardly write, so I will close by saying good bay, Yours truly, Mary E. Gore.

Little Stories told by Grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Gilmore Gore

When her father, Robert Gilmore, and her mother, Nancy Smith, left Indiana County, Pennsylvania, to go to their new home in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, it was their wedding journey, made on horseback. Forty miles from her home they came to a little clearing, and here the groom told her that he had built their little home. She looked in vain for any house but it was not visible until they rode around a little stump, and there it stood on a little rise of ground. Accustomed to more in both size and comfort in her home, this bride of a much older man, could not help a feeling of dismay. Almost immediately they began the building of a larger house, and it was in this that our grandmother spent so many happy hours.

During the War of 1812, Aunt Jane was about four years old. She could read very well, and a great many of the pioneers could not. Also many could not take a newspaper. Little Jane sat on a bench in her father's blacksmith shop every day and read the paper to the men who came to the shop with work for her father.

Because Grandmother was so many years younger than the rest of her family, she was her mother's constant companion. Some of her sweetest memories were of the little excursions into the woods with her mother. Her earliest textbooks were a single spelling book and the Bible, which she had read through before she was eight years old. In her little history she mentions her nut gathering. In the yard of her home stood an unusually splendid chestnut tree, which was so very large that she had no way of obtaining the nuts. She used to sit beneath it and watch the squirrels drop the nuts down, and then she would run and pick them up. This was her only way of getting these especially fine nuts.

Grandmother taught school in Mercer County to secure money for her wedding. She had a number of very lovely calico dresses, and spun and wove her household linens. As a bride of Lewis A. Rose she went west to Iowa, Lee County. Following his death, she again taught schoolto support herself and her infant son, Lewis A. Rose Jr. Her mother lived with Aunt Keziah, and every morning she took her little son and left him with them, calling for him again after school.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND NANCY (SMITH) GILMORE

NAME	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Polly Gilmore	March,1805	- - - - - - - - - - -	1812
Jane "	Jan.12,1807	1824 to (1)Abraham Williams (2)W. L. Hargrave	Aug.20,1893 (1848) (1883)
Keziah "	Feb.6,1809	1834 to S. D. VanDyke	Nov.5,1876 (Aug. 13,1860)
Sally "	- - - - - - -	1833 to David Cook	1834
Peggy "	Feb.6 (?)	- - - - - - - - - - -	at 6 months
Robert "	1815	- - - - - - - - - - -	1835
John S. "	Jan.1,1817	- - - - - - - - - - -	1876
Eliza "	1819	- - - - - - - - - - -	1835
Joseph C.	Jan.15,1822	April,1843 to (1)Mary Ann Rose (2)Adelia Adeline Stackpole	Sept.,1876
Mary Elizabeth	Feb.6,1827	Oct.2,1844 to (1)Lewis A. Rose (2)Emerson E. Gore Sept.20, 1849	Oct.17,1893 (Sept.20,1846) (Nov. 18,1910)

Memoranda obtained from Jane Gilmore Williams-Hargrove
(Sent by Roy Templeton Williams, Minden, Nevada.)
Gilmore.
John and Janet Gilmore, grandparents of Jane W. Hargrove, imigrated from the north of Ireland. He had seven boys, William and Thomas by a former wife, then Robert, James, John, Hugh, and Joseph, and two girls, Peggy and Charity.

(This should be Beaver County, Penn. Nell Rose Jones) William G. died in Ohio, near Bever. Thomas died in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and both left families. Robert married Nancy Smith (our branch). James died single. Hugh married Nellie French, a step-sister of Nancy Smith. John married Polly Mortimer. Joseph married Polly ? G. Peggy married William Smith. Charity married James Vincent and their daughter, Jane, married Robert Allen, moved to Ohio, and from there to Washington County, Iowa. (Jane W. Hargrove thinks ~~MMM~~ that it is from this family that William Vincent Allen, senator from Nebraska, springs. 1893.) (There was always strong love between herself and her cousins, the children of Charity Vincent.) Ann daughter of Peggy and William Smith, married George Gordon and moved to northern Iowa. Her brother remained in Pennsylvania.

Nancy Smith, who married Robert Gilmore, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, as was her mother, Molly Templeton. John Smith, her father, came from Ireland before the Revolutionary War. He served on the side of the colonists with a brother who was killedin one of the early battles, and at its close married Molly Templeton. After a few years they moved across the mountains to Westmorland County, (now divided and called Indiana County). John Smith was hurt while falling a tree and died fourteen days later. The widow with her three little girls stayed on the farm. Had fear of the Indians at that time. On one occasion shewas awakened by hearing a sound at the gate and felt sure that it was the Indians. A low tap and call of "Aunt" reassured her and her nephew, Sam Calhoun, whispered that he had been sent to take her to the fort near by. She got ready hurriedly and was at the fort three tears, during the time of St. Clair's defeat and until after Wayne's campaign. She ~~M~~ married a widower by the name of French and ~~MM~~lived on her farm until her death. Her eldest girl, Betsy, married Alex Black. The youngest, Mattie, married Alex White. Both sisters died in Mercer Co. Penn. The second sister, Nancy, married Robert Gilmore, May 1, 1804. (These are my great grandparents. Nellie Rose Jones) ~~M~~Nov.13,1926) They Moved to Mercer County, Penn., where they had ten children. Eight of whom grew to be men and women. Polly, Jane, Keziah, Sally, Peggy, Robert, John, Eliza, Joseph, and Mary Elizabeth. The Father, Robert Gilmore, died of cancer in the face, in Mercer, County, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1828. Mother Gilmore moved to Iowa with her married daughters, and lived there (Lee County) until her death, Sept. 1851.

Jane Gilmore Williams-Hargrove died August 20, 1893.

The following notes ~~of~~ of the Gilmore family were sent to Nellie Rose Newbury-Jones by Geary Gilmore, son of Joseph Gilmore and Adelia Stackpole Gilmore, his second wife. The notes were sent July 15, 1923, and the address given was G. S. Gilmore, 812½ 15th Street, Sacramento, Calif.

John and Jane (probably Gibson) Gilmore, Grandparents of J. C. Gilmore, came from Londonderry, Ireland. They had five sons, Robert, James, Hugh, John, and Joseph and two daughters, Peggy and Charity,, and two sons by a former wife, Will and Thomas. Will died in Beaver County, Penn., and Thomas in Crawford County, Penn., both left families of children.

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Joseph Gilmore died in Penn., Sept., 1876
John Gilmore died in Iowa
Mary Gore died in Oregon
Jane Hargrove died in Nevada.

Copied from a copy belonging to Bertha Rose Rader-Soliss on August 1, 1939, by Jeanette Gilmore Gore youngest daughter of John Gilmore Gore, son of Mary Elizabeth Gilmore Rose Gore.